

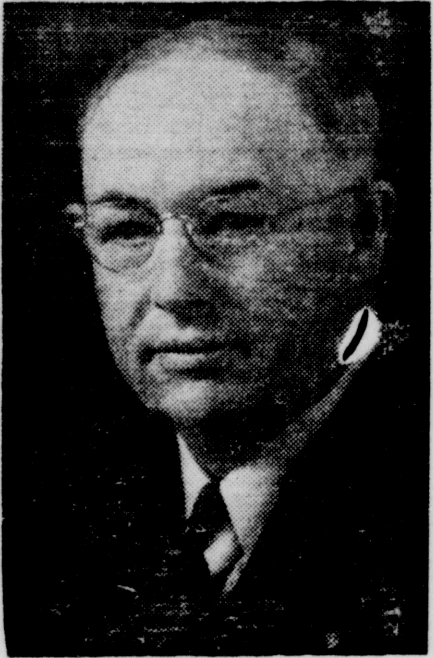
THE HAMLIN HERALD

IN 40th YEAR — EVERY WEEK SINCE 1905.

HAMLIN, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1945

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Rotary District Governor To Be In Hamlin



DR. HARRIS M. COOK

The Rotary Club of Hamlin will welcome on Wednesday, January 17, Dr. Harris M. Cook, Governor of the 127th District of Rotary International which includes 59 Rotary Clubs in Northwest Texas. Dr. Cook is professor of education and Dean of Men, West Texas State College. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Canyon and served as president in 1938-39. He was nominated as Governor at the Conference of the 127th District held at Lubbock and was formally elected at the 1944 Convention of Rotary International in Chicago, Ill., in May.

Dr. Cook is active in civic, school and church affairs of Canyon. In addition to his duties at West Texas State College, he is president of the Canyon Independent School Board, member of the Canyon Chamber of Commerce, and active official in the Baptist Church. His wife, Ruby, is an active Rotary Ann. They have one son, Joe.

Dr. Cook will visit the Rotary Club to advise and assist President Tom Vaughan, and Secretary C. G. Green and other officers of the Club on matters pertaining to Club administration and Rotary service activities. He is one of the 140 Governors of Rotary International who are supervising the activities of 5,200 Rotary Clubs with a quarter of a million members in more than 50 countries throughout the world.

Despite the war, this world-wide service organization continues to grow in numbers and in strength. Since July 1, 1943, 150 new Rotary Clubs have been organized in 13 countries of the Americas, and in Australia, Ceylon, China, England, Finland, India, Kenya, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland, and Union of South Africa.

Mrs. J. L. Wright, of San Angelo, spent Monday and Tuesday here visiting Mrs. C. C. Prater and other friends.

New Jones County Officials Sworn In

G. R. (Ralph) Riddle, of Hamlin, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, has been selected by the County Commissioner's Court, as Judge Pro-Tem of Jones County.

This action was taken Monday, January first, when the Court met in special session for the purpose of Reorganizing the Court, to swear in the new officials, approve officials' bonds and set the salaries of the county employees for 1945 and 1946. Commissioner Riddle is serving his second term, having been nominated last July without opposition.

The first new county official sworn into office January first, was William District Clerk. His oath was administered by County Judge Gilbert Smith.

Two new Commissioners were installed in office, J. E. Massey of Stamford who succeeded Rev. Joel V. Grimes of Avoca and Arden Beasley of Anson, who replaces Charley Hollis of Hawley.

Dr. E. M. Wood of Anson was employed as County Health Officer to replace Dr. W. J. McCreight of Anson.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETS

The American Legion and Auxiliary met on Monday night, January 1. Several members reported having received letters of thanks from the wounded soldiers at Camp Berkeley, for the Christmas gifts.

Members are urged to be present at the next meeting date, which will be on January 15, at 7:30. Matters of importance will be discussed.

Seriously Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rose received a telegram from the War Department Wednesday that their son, Pfc. James C. Rose, had been seriously wounded December 24, 1944, in Luxembourg.

Mrs. Roy Gilbreath, of Corpus Christi, and Lawrence Holley, of Fort Worth, who came to attend the funeral of their brother, W. T. Holley in Jayton, visited in the homes of their sisters, Mrs. H. A. McWright and Mrs. W. B. Boyd during the week.

GOODYEAR TIRES

(Full Line)

Front and Rear

—Tractor Tires

—Passenger Tires

—Truck Tires

—Pickup Tires

Hamlin Motor Co.

Concerted Efforts To Get And Hold War Workers

The chief cry of this New Year in America is to get more and more men and women to go into War Work and "stick" till the work is completely finished.

War Manpower Commission Busy

Monday afternoon, O. R. Rodden, Manager of the United States Employment Service, Abilene District, was in Hamlin forming a Mobilization Committee to help co-ordinate this part of Jones County to find every available man or woman who can go to some war plant and work. Mr. Rodden called for the Mayor, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the Herald Editor, and A. Spencer to meet him at the City Hall to lay the matter before them, for concerted action in Hamlin.

The War Manpower Director in Abilene is E. J. Berry, who realizing the urgency of more workers in plants in West Texas, called a meeting to get united action in this District. Below are some of the points stressed by Mr. Berry:

"Forty percent of our individual war production schedules are behind schedule and 28 percent of production needs are of a super-critical nature, products without which the war cannot be won. But though all else may be up to schedule, what good is a truck without tires or a gun without ammunition?"

"All war production is on schedule here in the Abilene area. However, none of the super-critical items are manufactured here."

The committee was told that the primary problem in the Abilene area is the problem of transferring surplus labor here (persons unemployed or employed in less-essential or non-essential activity) to war production centers badly in need of manpower.

"The Amarillo area, adjacent to ours, has a quantity of 'must' production which is behind schedule due to manpower shortages," Berry pointed out.

They decided on organizing community mobilization committees composed of the county judge, the newspaper publisher and a member of the local selective service board in each of the 28 counties in the Abilene area not directly served by a local U.S.E.S. office.

"A pledge of cooperation with this program was prepared by the committee. It is to be distributed to employers throughout the area who will be asked to pledge that they will not hire any workers in violation of established WMC employment stabilization programs. It is to be signed and returned to the Local Chairman,

and we hope to be able to publish it in the form of an honor roll. A similar Honor Roll for workers who accept war production jobs will be prepared also, in the Abilene office.

The WMC director also pointed out that 141,000 workers are needed to produce critical items now, and another 159,000 within the next six months.

Members of the committee present were Nib Shaw of Abilene, and J. A. Dean of Brownwood, representing management; Roland C. Suggs of Abilene, Harold Getts and Verne Peterson of Ranger and Roy L. Flannery of San Angelo, representing labor.

The Pledge Below Will Be Distributed In Hamlin Saturday

Chairman, Community Mobilization Committee:

I am aware that 40% of individual war production programs are behind schedule. I have been advised that 28% of our total war production is devoted to super-critical items whose requirements are virtually unlimited and without which strategic military operations would be impossible. Competent authorities have stated that we need 141,000 workers to produce critical items now, and another 159,000 within the next six months, as new facilities become available.

Therefore, I freely pledge that I will not hire any workers in violation of established War Manpower Commission Employment Stabilization Programs, such programs being:

1. In the five counties in the Abilene Area served by local United States Employment Service offices, male workers cannot be hired except upon referral by USES. (Counties served by local offices are: Brown, Howard, Nolan, Taylor, and Tom Green.)
2. In the twenty-eight counties in the Abilene Area not directly served by local USES offices, male workers cannot be hired unless they possess a Statement of Availability. If the worker was last employed in war production, he must not be employed except in other war production of equal or more importance. (Counties not served by local offices are: Borden, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Crockett, Dawson, Eastland, Fisher, Glasscock, Haskell, Irion, Jones, Kent, Kimble, McCulloch, Martin, Menard, Mitchell, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sterling, Stonewall, and Sutton.)

I will personally take advantage of every opportunity to acquaint unemployed and less essential male workers with the urgency of the need for workers in critical war production and prevail upon them to accept critical war jobs.

Firm _____
By _____
Date Signed _____

What This Means

The Boy Scouts will place two of the above letters with a government envelope (prepared in the Abilene office) in the hands of every place of business in the Hamlin community, THIS SATURDAY. If you wish to show how you will cooperate in getting more workers where they will mean the most in winning the war, sign the letters, post one on your door or window, mail the other to Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Hamlin, Texas, who will form the "Honor Roll" for posting or publication.

Remember, too, that all men and women who sign up for war work, or who return for war work, in the Abilene office, 1141 North Second Street, will be listed and the office will furnish each community newspaper the proper list for publication as an honor roll of war service. In other words, all this is to get those who employ to agree to do or not to do certain things that hinder the war effort, and to publicize those who are willing and sign up. Look for the Boy Scouts and those Pledges Saturday.

Red Cross Will Meet In Stamford Jan. 15

The regular meeting of the Red Cross will be held January 15th, at eight o'clock at the regular meeting place in the Library Building in Stamford. At this meeting will be given the report of the nominating committee, and election and installation of officers for the year 1945 will be held. Every regular member of the Red Cross (those paying a dollar or more) is invited to attend and take part in the election of officers.

BROTHER OF HAMLIN PEOPLE DIED IN JAYTON JANUARY 4

W. T. Holley, a brother of Mrs. H. A. McWright, Mrs. W. B. Boyd, and Ernest Holley, of Hamlin, died suddenly at his home in Jayton, on Thursday morning, January 4, following a heart attack. Burial was delayed until Monday, awaiting the arrival of two sons who are in the service. There are also two other sons in the service who are overseas.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Jayton Baptist Church, where Mr. Holley had been a long time member. Burial was in the Jayton Cemetery.

Mrs. Nora Hopper reports a nice time during the Christmas holidays. All of her children were here to see her, except John Hopper and family of Fort Worth. Those who came were Otis Hopper and family of Houston; Mrs. Paul Cain and family of Sweetwater; and granddaughters, Mrs. Rush Rector and family of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Billie Mitchell and husband of Texon. All of these joined the Hamlin group for a good time.

Miss Virginia Cozzens returned to her home in Tulia Sunday after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. Albert Haight, and family.

"THIS WEEK"

—ELEVEN DAYS of this eventful year of 1945 have passed into history... a history chuck full of importance.

—OUR BOYS in Europe have stopped the Germans, at a great cost to themselves as well as to the enemy. But the Germans still fight on, evidently without hope. OUR BOYS fight on, WITH HOPE of eventual success over freedom's most powerful enemy.

—OUR NAVY has carried our ARMY right into the front yard of the Japs in the Philippines, and we may expect a major land battle.

(Here our space runs out.)

Service Stations To Observe Sunday

We, the undersigned Filling Station Operators, pledge ourselves to observe the Sunday Closing Regulation, and will take our turn in keeping one Station open on Sunday to take care of emergency trade.

J. W. Burgess, Jr., Harvey Burk, Dode Sanford, John Scott, Floyd Bevels, L. V. Miller, I. W. Middleton, A. Hudson, A. G. Miller, Martin Westbrook, D. W. Stell, W. R. Wilkerson, J. C. Bessire, Joe A. Simpson, Alton Mayfield.

Gulf Service Station, operated by Alton Mayfield, has been requested to remain open Sunday, Jan. 14, to take care of emergency and transient gasoline and service needs.

The public is urged and requested to cooperate with their service dealer by having their cars, trucks and tractors serviced during the week.

The Hamlin Ministerial Alliance requested the help of the Chamber of Commerce in bringing about an agreement between Filling Station Operators, with the results stated.

Any information needed or problems arising in connection with this regulation may be had by phoning 63 or calling at THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

While
other prices
sing
soprano



electricity
takes
the
basso part

So many members of the cost-of-living chorus are hitting high notes these days that you may easily miss one performer still rumbling along in the lower registers.

The basso is electricity. Its price was low when war began—and has stayed there. In fact, it directly reversed the rising trend of other costs. Government figures show that the average price of electric service has actually declined during the war period!

That's news, these days. It's the product of sound business management, plus the hard work of your friends and neighbors in this self-supporting, tax-paying company. And it's the promise of plentiful, low-priced electricity to run the modern marvels you'll have in your home after the war.

Hear Nelson Eddy every Sunday afternoon in the brilliant new musical show, "The Electric Hour," with Robert Armbruster's Orchestra, 3:30 CWT, CBS.

West Texas Utilities Company

Ready-to-Wear Sale

Women's and Children's Coat Suits

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Time Limit Jan. 27

Buy your Needs before sizes and colors are picked over.

Malouf's Dept. Store

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HELP WANTED — AUTOMOBILE MECHANICS, BROOKS MOTOR COMPANY, FORD DEALER, TELEPHONE 100, STAMFORD. (6-5t)

FOR SALE — Bedroom suite, \$50 cash. 5-burner Florence Oil Stove, good condition, \$35 cash. Kitchen Cabinet \$10 cash. First house north of Grammar School at MRS. W. S. SLIGH'S. (9-2p)

List your land with me if you want to sell it. I have plenty of buyers.
H. O. CASSLE, Hamlin, Texas

FOR SALE — A Squirrel Fur coat size 12, in good condition, reasonably priced. Call 88 or see MRS. CURTIS MARTIN.

1935 CHEVROLET For Sale. In good shape, fair tires. Priced to sell. See or address J. P. TOLLISON, at Neinda Store. (p)

OIL BROODER — 300 Chick capacity, practically new. For sale at \$12.00. MRS. C. M. PRINDLE. (p)

Lemon Juice Recipe Checks Rheumatic Pain Quickly

If you suffer from rheumatic, arthritis or neuritis pain, try this simple inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Ru-Ex Compound, a 2 weeks' supply today. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy, pleasant and no trouble at all. You need only 3 tablespoonfuls two times a day. Often within 48 hours — sometimes overnight — splendid results are obtained. If the pains do not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, Ru-Ex will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money-back guarantee. Ru-Ex Compound is for sale and recommended by

INZER PHARMACY
And Drug Stores Everywhere

For Quick Sale

A five room house, two porches, now vacant, ready to move, and two East front corner lots in Hamlin, clear of all taxes or any other debt. Price \$685.00, payable \$435.00 cash and one note for \$250.00 at \$15.00 per month. This price and the good terms are offered for immediate acceptance.

H. O. CASSLE
Over Bank, Hamlin, Texas

TREE PLANTING TIME

Papershell pecans pay. Bear third year. Apple, peaches, pears, plums, persimmons, grapes, berries, shade trees, shrubs, evergreens. Fresher stock that lives. Lower prices.

Pine Hogs, Bred Gilt, Visit us.
SHANKS NURSERY & HOG FARM
Clyde, Texas (11-4p)

Houses For Rent

I have two good farm houses on farm, each about two miles from Hamlin, will rent to good reliable families. Rent reasonable. One of these places will include garden and pasture for cow and chickens. Plenty of water at each place.

H. O. CASSLE
Over Bank in Hamlin

WATKINS PRODUCTS: At Albritton Food Store and Crow Bros. Grocery & Market.

E. H. McREYNOLDS, Dealer,
Stamford, Texas. (p)

I have more Milch cows for sale, cash or credit.

H. O. CASSLE

EFFICIENT High School Girl desires place in refined home to assist with work to pay for room and board while attending school. Inquire at HERALD OFFICE.

PLENTY of barbed wire, poultry netting, and rough fencing at
PAUL BRYAN LUMBER CO.

FOR SALE — Two Coon Dogs. See them at Fed Britton's farm.
MING LAIL. (p)

Farms For Sale

160 acres all in cultivation, good improvements, plenty of water, fine level land, about two miles off the Hamlin-Stamford highway. Price, \$85.00 per acre.

160 acres, 7 miles from Hamlin, well improved, about 130 acres in cultivation, a dandy good home. Price \$45.00 per acre. Loan about \$2900.00.

H. O. CASSLE
Hamlin, Texas

STOVES FOR SALE — 5-burner Florence, \$25.00; 4-burner Perfection, \$10.00. C. A. JENKINS, Rt. 4, Hamlin, Texas. (p)

LOST, in South Hamlin, girl's gold identification bracelet, engraved "Maxine." Reward if returned to MAXINE BRANSCUM. (p)

FOR SALE — Inner spring mattress and a set of pre-war springs, practically new. Phone 287-J. MRS. GROGAN TURNER. (p)

FOR SALE

2880 acre ranch, 180 acres in cultivation, well improved, everlasting well water, one mile of highway. Priced \$18 per acre.

165 acres black land all in cultivation, 50 acres of wheat goes with the deal, possession at once, price \$65 per acre, \$3500 in loan.

80 acres well improved, priced at \$30 per acre, \$1500 cash.

A dandy business lot across street from Morgan Hotel, 50 x 100 feet, priced \$750, one third cash.

125 acres black land 4 miles from Hamlin, 92 acres in cultivation, possession, priced \$45 per acre, one half cash.

If it's farm land or city property you want, see

D. M. WHITE

Office Over Waggoner Drug
Hamlin, Texas

HAVE A CHOICE Meat Hog, about 400 lbs., for sale at my place 4 miles east of Hamlin on highway. Wm. C. EOFF. (p)

Now, here's something about our Navy boy, Carl D. Andress, ACRM. First, let us say that his letter to his Mother and Dad, dated Jan. 1, from England, had a ring of contentment. Carl says, "I was made Aviation Chief Radio Man, effective today." That was a nice promotion that carries with it many privileges, better pay and comforts. Let us say, Carl, "Happy Radioing to you."

S&S

The Herald has advance "release" that Sgt. Edward T. Nail, who has been 18 months overseas, in the Asiatic-Pacific area, will arrive about January 13 at Camp Swift, then soon to be at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Nail, and sister, Mrs. J. A. Stonesifer. Edward is a brother of the late Archie Nail who lost his life in Europe.

S&S

Mrs. L. S. Magée received an interesting letter from her Navy son, Coy Magee, telling of being invited to spend New Year's at Osterville, Mass., a resort near Boston. From the tone of his letter, it seems that the Bostonians are equal to Texas hospitality.

S&S

T/Sgt. Teddy Russell, a Hamlin boy in Burma-India, is in the limelight this week because of the fact that he has been awarded the Air Medal, having completed 265 combat missions totaling 180 hours. This information was sent to this paper last Sunday by the War Department, and next week the Herald will carry a good story of this young man.

Ross Camfield and wife and Mrs. Ivy Courtney and Johnny Bates arrived Friday of last week for a short Christmas-New Year visit with Hamlin relatives. They live in San Bernardino, California.

We still have a number of buyers for Homes in Hamlin. If you care to sell, see me at once, or write me at once.

H. O. CASSLE

I am offering for quick sale a nice five room modern home, best location. Price \$3750.00.

H. O. CASSLE, Hamlin, Texas

We have a couple of extra-ordinary Duplex apartments for quick sale. Price reasonable.

H. O. CASSLE, Hamlin, Texas

About Soldiers--Sailors

Master Sgt. C. F. Butcher, of the Marine Corps, is enjoying a nice, long leave in Hamlin with his wife and daughter after being in the Pacific area for more than sixteen months. Sgt. Butcher made a very interesting talk at the Rotary Club Wednesday. He wears a Presidential Citation bar and another service bar supporting two major action stars. He will visit here and with his mother in Oklahoma until early February. Then he will report to Cherry Point, S. C., for further assignment.

S&S

It is now "Captain" Carolyn F. Greenway. Capt. Greenway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Greenway of Hamlin, graduated with the first class of WACs at Demolines, Iowa. She is now stationed in Denver, Colorado.

S&S

Cpl. and Mrs. John Hix, of Lubbock, are spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hix.

S&S

The Herald got a peep at a new "journal" this week, and it is published (memoed) on the USS Albuquerque PF7. The staff includes our sailor boy neighbor, Billy Armstrong, SM 3/C. He is listed as sports writer. (O, yes, Billy, the fellow who does not smile at the "Laugh Page" has run out of grins. Keep up the good work—there is a lot of talent displayed in "The Lucky Seven")

S&S

Mrs. John H. Reynolds, of McCaulley, has heard from her husband, Captain John H. Reynolds who is in France, saying he is OK. Capt. Reynolds sent a Christmas cablegram asking the Herald to express greetings to his many friends in and around Hamlin.

S&S

Mrs. Dawson Dixon, the former Maxine Watson, and baby, Doug, of Dunn, N. C., arrived last week to make their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watson, while her husband, S/Sgt. D. W. Dixon, is overseas. He had been stationed at Fort Bragg before his departure.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Eaton of the Swedonia community have a very encouraging letter from their son, Cpl. Eugene, who is in England. He had received his Christmas packages O. K.

S&S

Bunyan Payne, AM 1/C, was one of the Corpus Christi sailor boys to get off to locate Santa Claus in Hamlin during Christmas. Bunyan has been in the service since May 24, 1941, and had two and one-half years in the SW Pacific.

S&S

Corporal and Mrs. Jack Russell are parents of a daughter, Jackie Sue, born Saturday, December 30, at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Mrs. Russell and baby returned Sunday, January 7, to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Salamin in Anson, where they will make their home for the present.

S&S

James Lee Decker, S 1/C, son of R. M. Decker of the Swedonia community, left Jan. 3 for his base at San Diego after being at home with his wife at Rotan and his parents on a 14-day leave. He has had considerable experience in the South Pacific.

S&S

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stell have information that their son, Pvt. Level D. Stell, who has been in Fort Ord, Calif., has been sent to a port of embarkation on the East Coast. His wife had been with him since August and has now resumed her work in Consolidated in San Diego. Here, we will add that Miss Lois Stell, a laboratory technician in the Regional Hospital at Camp Berkeley, was at home to spend Christmas Day.

S&S

Dr. and Mrs. Milton C. Bessire and their recently-adopted son, Ronald Edward, came up from Dallas to spend a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bessire, and other relatives. Since January first, it is First Lieutenant Milton C. Bessire, as he left for Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, to be one of Uncle Sam's doctors. For the past several months, he has been employed as a children's specialist in Dallas.

S&S

It was mighty nice to see Second Lieutenant Edward Milton Raley at home just after his graduation at the Pecos Air Field, Dec. 23. Already, Raley looks like an old airman with that million dollar smile. He will continue his service as an instructor at the Pecos Field. Don't forget that he has two brothers, Captain Luther Raley, Chaplain in Germany, and Lt. (j.g.) L. C. Raley on a big battleship out in the Pacific.

S&S

Sgt. and Mrs. Onis Crawford left Tuesday for Little Rock, Arkansas, where he goes for a rest assignment after several months spent in service in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

S&S

Sgt. Don Coles who had been at home two weeks from his camp in California because of the death of his father, left Tuesday night for Camp Cook. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. C. T. Coles, who will visit her daughter, Mrs. Julius Schwartz in San Luis Obispo, Calif., for a few weeks. This will place her within about 40 miles of Camp Cook. Last week Ray Coles and Nat Wash, two sons who are in the Navy, left for their bases at San Diego, Calif., and Farragut, Idaho.

S&S

J. L. Blanton, S 2/C, who has recently completed boot training in San Diego, Calif., spent a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blanton. He left Sunday for his base in San Diego for further assignment.

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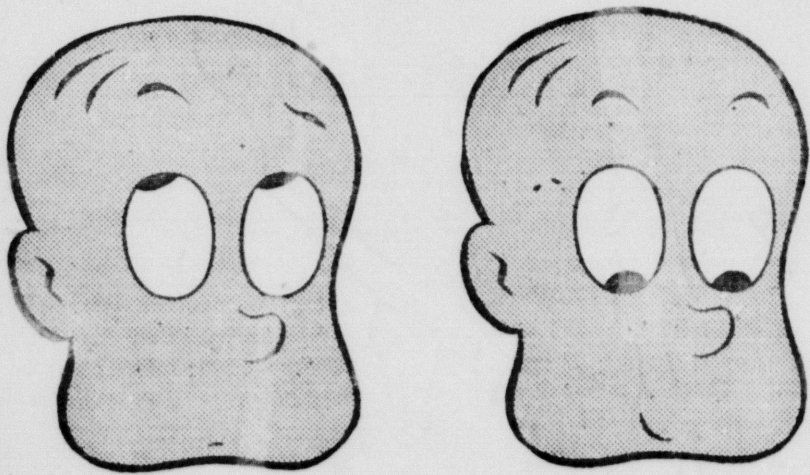
Here is a good one: Pfc. Ben Smith sent his mother a telegram from Raton Field, Florida, saying, "Send me summer uniforms immediately, if possible." Mrs. Ben Smith, the mother, has those summer togs on the way. Gosh! Boy, up here we are feeling a fresh zero norther coming down from Stonewall County.

QUICK RELIEF FROM Symptoms of Distress Arising from STOMACH ULCERS DUE TO EXCESS ACID

Free Book Tells of Home Treatment that Gives Help or It Will Cost You Nothing
Over two million bottles of the WILLARD TREATMENT have been sold for relief of symptoms of distress arising from Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Excess Acid—Poor Digestion, Sour or Upset Stomach, Gasiness, Heartburn, Sleeplessness, etc., due to Excess Acid. Sold on 15 days' trial! Ask for "Willard's Message" which fully explains this treatment—free—at

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The high cost of living



The low price of electricity

Look at the cost of living—up 25.4% since 1939*. Or would you rather not? Then look at the cost of electricity—down 3.2% during the same period*. Feel better?

Of course, the reduction is a nation-wide average, and partly due to increased usage, which earns lower rates. But it continues a long-time trend. In fact, the average American family gets about twice as much electricity for its money today as it did 15 years ago!

(So why isn't your bill cut in half? Because you have more electric servants now. Kilowatt-hours are much cheaper—but you're using a lot more of 'em!)

Will you pardon us a moment while we point with pride to our wartime record? Production up—price down—no rationing—no shortages.

Thanks to far-sighted business management, every war plant making weapons has had plenty of electric power. And so will every peacetime factory making jobs!

*Both figures from U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hear Nelson Eddy every Sunday afternoon in the brilliant new musical show, "The Electric Hour," with Robert Armstrong's Orchestra, 3:30 CWT, CBS.

West Texas Utilities Company

REPORT TO TELEPHONE USERS

Our job in 1944 was twofold: To do everything we could to keep a steady stream of communications equipment flowing to the army and navy—as much as they needed—and, at the same time, to maintain quality of service as high as possible for the folks here at home.



The Bell System did keep the armed forces supplied — telephone factories worked almost 100 per cent on war orders. At home there were unavoidable delays on some long distance calls, but local service, on the whole, was good.

Here in the Southwest telephone facilities were stretched to the limit. A total of 260,000 persons asked for service and got it. Some 233,000 of these took the places of customers who ordered their



telephones disconnected. Telephone people squeezed in the additional 27,000 by hard work and ingenuity. Nevertheless, about 185,000 applicants still are on the waiting lists because there just isn't enough equipment to go around.

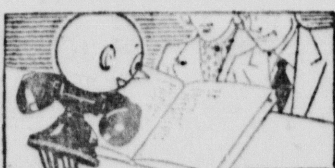
For the new year, the telephone company's plans hinge upon the demands of war, of course. But certain things will be done, you may be sure.

We shall continue to provide service for those who are waiting just as rapidly as we can. However, in 1945, as in 1944, war demands will be met first and on the average it will be a considerable time before a person may apply for service and get it without delay.



Those employees who are released from the armed services will be welcomed back, and a hearty welcome it will be. There will be a lot of work for them, too.

We'll begin to clear the decks for the big telephone job that will come after the war—to plan how improved devices from Bell Telephone Laboratories, and materials and equipment from Western Electric factories will be put to work for you.



That's the balance sheet of what's done and what's to do. Of course, the volume of our business has been greater than ever before, but so are our operating expenses. In fact, our rate of earnings on the telephone property during these peak war years has been less than during the worst years of the depression. There have been no war profits for the telephone company, which is exactly as it should be.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY



FISHER COUNTY W.M.U. MEETS
WITH McCAULEY CHURCH

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. U., Fisher County Baptist Association, will be held with the McCauley Baptist Church, Tuesday, January 16. The all-day meeting will open Tuesday morning at 10:30 with a program, the theme of which will be "Stewardship of the Gospel." A covered dish luncheon will be served at the noon hour.

Do It Yourself—at Home
Charm-Kurl
PERMANENT WAVE KIT
Complete with curlers, cream, shampoo, and conditioner.
It's easy to do and safe for every type of hair. For amazing results—be sure to ask for Charm-Kurl. Over 6 million sold.

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SPEARS & WARREN STORES

Woman's Literary Club
With Mrs. R. D. Moore

Mrs. R. D. Moore was hostess to the Woman's Literary Club on Friday, January 5, with Mrs. H. O. Cassle as the director of the program "Club Ethics."

After the Critic's Report by Mrs. O. D. Roland, Mrs. Bowen Pope was presented in a very interesting review "History of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs." Mrs. Pope discussed the period from 1897 when the Texas Federation was organized to the present time, mentioning each president and the aims and accomplishments of each administration. Preceding the program, the following officers of the club were elected for the new year: President, Mrs. John D. Ferguson; First Vice President, Mrs. O. D. Roland; Second Vice

President, Mrs. Tate May; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. H. King; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Snead; Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Moore; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Art Carmichael; Critic, Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Jr.; Musician, Mrs. J. W. McCrary; Reporter, Mrs. L. B. Maherry; Librarian, Mrs. H. O. Cassle. —Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H.
Carlton Celebrate
Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rountree entertained in their home on Christmas Day with a lovely dinner in honor of the occasion and to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mrs. Rountree's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Carlton who were married December 27, 1894, in Bell County, and came as a bride and groom to

Jones County where they have made their home for the past fifty years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carlton have been active in church and civic affairs of their community and county.

For the occasion, the home was attractively decorated in the season's colors, and the dining table was centered with a low crystal bowl of talliesman rosebuds.

Those present were the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Euren Carlton and daughter, Dianne and Linda; Floyd Carlton of Winfield, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Carlton and son, Jerry, of Holdenville, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Withers of Baton Rouge, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carlton of Wichita, Kansas; Marvin D. Carlton of Stamford, and Miss Billie Payne Rountree, who was at home from McMurry College for the holidays.

Mrs. Ada McClure
Honored On Birthday

Mrs. Ada McClure was honored with a surprise birthday party when a number of friends gathered at her home Tuesday afternoon, January 9, to celebrate her seventy-second birthday, and presented to her a number of useful and lovely gifts.

Those enjoying this happy occasion with her were Meses. Charley Young, Travis Hubbard, Delma Estes, James Ferguson, R. L. Milstead, Ernest McClure, A. D. Cowley, and Mrs. Jim Holden of Abilene.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express to our Hamlin friends and neighbors our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many deeds of kindness shown our husband and father during his illness, and for your expressions of sympathy in the hour of death.

Mrs. C. C. Coles, and Children.

NEINDA NEWS

Miss Marian Rae Gould, of Grand Prairie, and Mrs. Earl Gregory and son, Jackie Earl, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gregory.

Mrs. C. F. Richards is visiting with relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Gill and Mr. and Mrs. John Brown visited Sgt. Robbie Gill, who is in the Camp Barkeley Hospital, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Gill entertained Mr. and Mrs. Audry Hodnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tollison, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Duck Weaver, and Mr. and Mrs. Herchell Hubbard, with a 42 party Saturday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tollison were Mr. and Mrs. George Rodgers of Wise Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Wilemon, and Mrs. Jack Bower, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maynard visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Brown who moved from Anson to Carlton.

Mrs. C. E. Gregory and Mrs. Clara Scott went to Sweetwater Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Armon Weaver and son, from Houston, visited relatives

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here Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Rogers and boys spent Christmas Eve with Mrs. Opal Gilliss in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hubbard spent Christmas Day in Abilene. Mrs. Jim Hubbard returned with them.

Boyd Lakey and family have moved to Flat Top.

Mr. and Mrs. Bank Gill are moving to Ropesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Vickert spent Christmas in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Howard Cain is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. O. White.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. O. M. Thornton and family moved into the Baptist parsonage at Neinda.

Mrs. Tom Jones' son, John Kent and wife, visited with relatives during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hubbard's daughter of Houston visited them during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown spent Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. D. N. Garner who is seriously ill in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Moore, in Sweetwater.

Miss Willie Belle Walton returned Monday to Los Angeles, Calif., after a visit here with her father, W. L. Walton, and other relatives.

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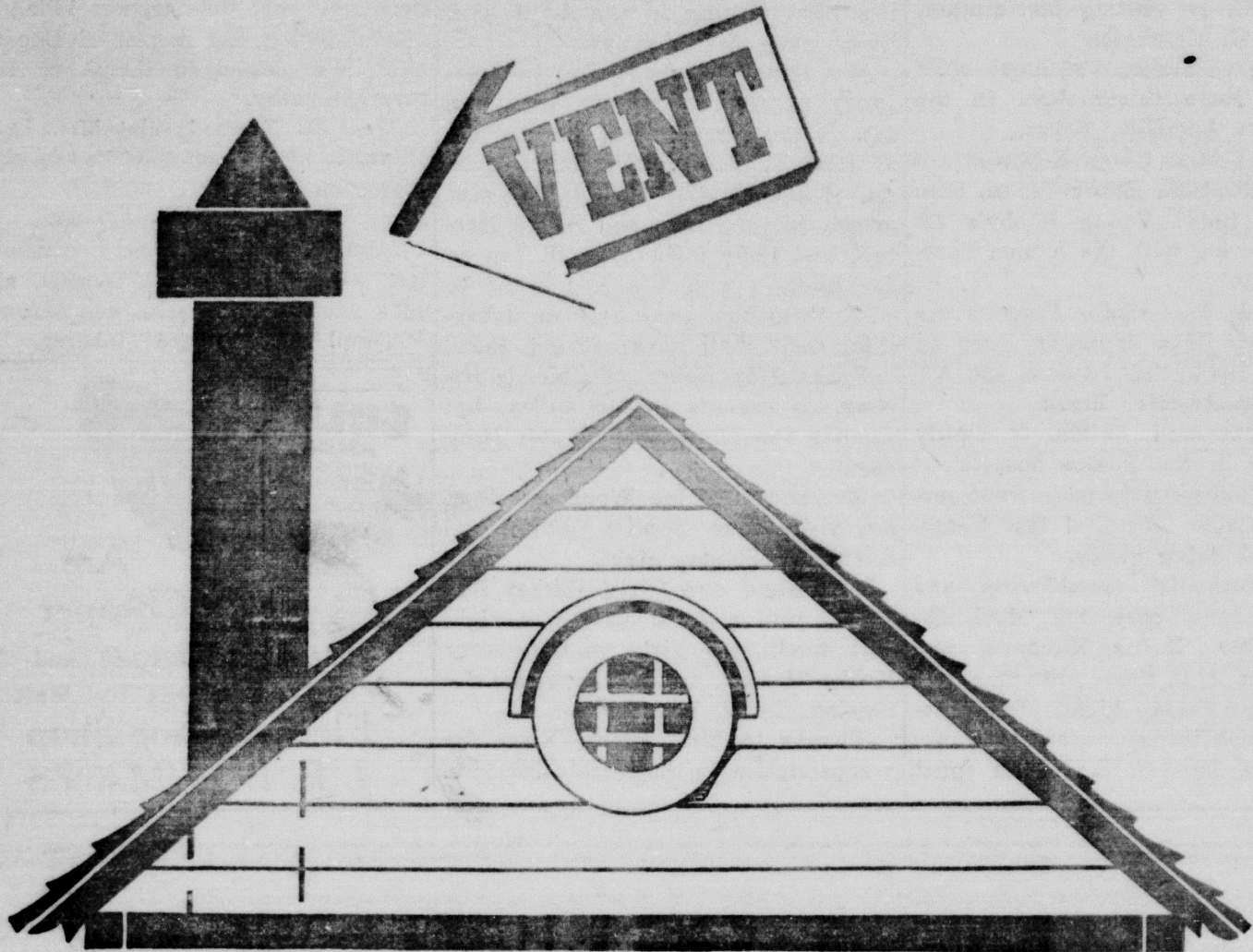
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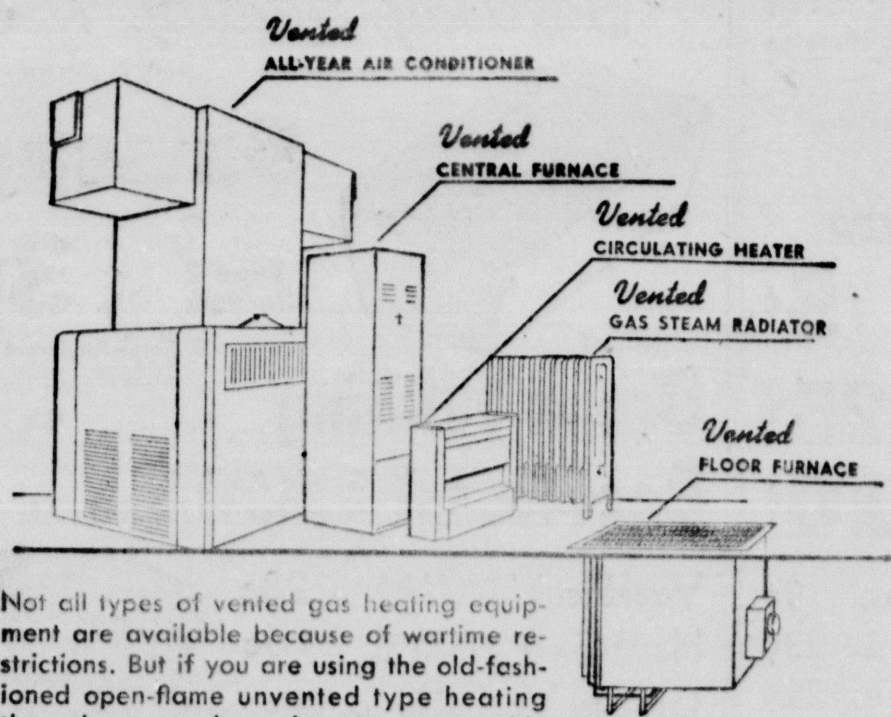


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